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CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN

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Events

A final fencing work party will be scheduled later this month to finish construction of a resource protection fence in Upper Clear Creek Canyon. Notification will be given two weeks prior. Thanks to all involved.

You may have noticed the new trailer and kiosk along Clear Creek Road. This station will be staffed during peak use periods to provide information, answer questions, and hand out maps and other materials to visitors.

Two Park Rangers, Laren Beasley and Jason Allen, have been hired and will soon be patrolling and working on various projects within Clear Creek.

NEPA News

Approved Environmental Documents:

CA-190-04-25 Environmental Assessment. Jade Mill

Recreation Site Development. Approved 12/16/04.

CA-190-04-30 Environmental Assessment. Road and Route Maintenance Protocol – Clear Creek Management Area. Approved 12/20/04.

CA-190-05-02. Environmental Assessment. 2005

Quicksilver Enduro. Approved 12/20/04.

CA-190-05-03. Categorical Exclusion. Clear Creek Management Area Entrance Station.

Documents in Progress:

CA-190-05-04. Environmental Assessment. 2005 Wild Boar Enduro.

Other News...

Limit discharge of firearms to areas outside Clear Creek Canyon. Always think of where your shot may end up.

BLM is planning additional resource protection fencing and restrooms for the "Jade Mill" area between Oak Flat and Staging Area One. Contact the Hollister Field office for more information.

Beware treacherous road conditions during rainy periods in Clear Creek. Access the following website for up-to-the hour rainfall at Santa Rita Peak and other locations:

<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryF?SRI>

ATTENTION

Recent heavy rains have led to a temporary closure of Clear Creek to motor vehicles starting December 30. The Clear Creek Hotline at (831)-630-5060 will be updated immediately upon any change in the closure status. The Hollister BLM website will also be updated, but a delay of 1-2 days can be expected for this process.

The Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and DEIS for the Clear Creek Management Area is available for review on the Hollister website at:

www.ca.blm.gov/hollister.

Asbestos Alert

OSHA regulations require employees working in the CCMA to wear a respirator when air samples exceed 0.1 fibers per cubic centimeter (cc).

Latest air sample readings: .0226, .0148, .0174, .0133

Sample readings vary depending on the nature of the activity during sampling, and do not indicate safe levels for recreational use. These sample results are provided only as a guide for the public in making informed decisions about visiting the area.

EPA Risk Assessment

A final report from EPA's 2004 risk assessment project within Clear Creek is expected to be available in June of 2005. Call (415) 972-3236 for more information.

**For Up-To-Date Information on
Recreation and Road Conditions Call the
CCMA Hotline at:
831-630-5060**